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Information released December 12, 1987: U.S. Government labels non-violence as terrorism; FBI agent fired for refusing to investigate S. Brian Willson as a terrorist!

Recent revelations disclose that the FBI initiated a "terrorist probe" of the Veterans' Fast for Life, an act of four U.S. war veterans fasting 47 days on water only on the United States capitol steps in September and October 1986, protesting further U.S. aid for the contra forces in Nicaragua. S. Brian Willson was one of the 4 fasters.

Committed to the pursuit of peace and justice through non-violence, the veterans asked other U.S. citizens to escalate their non-violent resistance to the Administrations' illegal Central American policies.

The FBI ordered a probe of the Veterans' Fast for Life. In August 1987, after 21 years as an FBI special agent, John Ryan of the Peoria, Illinois office, was fired because he refused to investigate Willson and other peaceful dissenters of Reagan's Central American policies.

Ryan called the "terrorist" label applied to the non-violent veterans as "politically motivated," according to the November 27, 1987, issue of the National Catholic Register. He concluded that the FBI is integrally involved in promoting terrorist activity: "We, the FBI, as an internal arm to quell dissent, are absolutely essential to perpetuate unjust, immoral and terrorist activities in other countries. If I were to have worked the Brian Willson case, or if I were silent about it, I'd have been in complicity with what the United States government is doing in Central America."

On June 27, 1986, the World Court, to which the United States is legally bound, issued its decision ordering the United States government to "cease and refrain" from further aid to the contra, finding the activities of those bands to be in violation of a number of international laws.

All four of the fasting veterans had personally witnessed the acts of the contras and concluded their regular maimings and murders of civilians and destruction of farms, health clinics and schools to be barbaric, illegal and immoral.

S. Brian Willson has spent considerable time in the war zones of Nicaragua with the Veterans' Peace Teams, talking to hundreds of

civilians and to the survivors of massacres, always unarmed and continually committed to non-violent responses to U.S. violence.

Willson remarked that, "It is demonically paradoxical and Orwellian doublespeak for an administration committed to the continued funding of barbaric acts, amounting to absolute terrorism to label peoples such as myself and others committed to non-violent change as 'terrorists.'"

Willson continued by saying that the cherished use of free speech and dissent begins to be perceived as effective, then our leaders, who feel threatened, no longer afford for democratic principles to be preserved.

When testifying about the September 1, 1987 tragedy at the Concord Naval Weapons Station before the House Armed Forces subcommittee on November 18, 1987, the subcommittee censored 44 of the 48 pages of prepared testimony. Information about the reasons for the citizens' presence as part of the Nuremberg Actions and the violations of law by the United States government were not allowed into the record.

The Nuremberg Actions have been blocking munitions trains and trucks at the munitions depot since June 10, 1987, upholding international law by attempting to stop the flow of weapons destined to kill civilians in Central America in defiance of the United Nations Charter, the Geneva and THE HAGUE CONVENTIONS, among others. The Nuremberg principles oblige civilians to uphold the law.

Willson, as Vice President of the newly formed Association for Responsible Dissent (ARDIS), comprised principally of ex-officials of the United States national security complex, will be working closely with ARDIS in the investigation of covert surveillance of administration critics, as well as international covert operations designed to destabilize other sovereign governments. Such operations are also violations of international law. There is abundant and convincing evidence that our government has destabilized numerous democratic governments in Guatemala, Chile, and elsewhere and is attempting to do so in Nicaragua, Angola, and as many as twenty other nations, according to former CIA agent and ARDIS Executive Director, John Stockwell.

Willson intends to continue his acts of non-violent protest with the Nuremberg Action and the Veterans Peace Action teams.